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G.O. No. 869 P.H.

Dated 18-3-48

[Despatch Abstract.]

Malaria - Tungabhadra Project - Anti Malarial measures coolies and conservancy menials - wages - enhanc ment - Orders issued.

From

Rao Bahadur Dr.R.M.Mathew, D.P.H.,D.T.M.&H., M.R.C.P.,
Director of Public Health,
MADRAS.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
MADRAS.

Sir,

R.No.53846-3-Mal.47 dated 28-11-1947.

Sub:- Antimalarial operations - Tungabadra Project - Malaria coolies and Conservancy menials - wages - enhancement sanction - Requested.

In forwarding herewith copies of letter R.No.71/47 dated 27-10-1947 of the Health Officer, Tungabadra Project and its enclosures, I have to state that it is found difficult to secure the services of Collies in the Tungabadra Project at the existing rate viz Rs.12/- plus Rs.16 D.A. per mensem or market rate which over is less, sanctioned in G.O.No.1556 P.H, dated 12-6-1945. The Collector of Bellary has reported that coolies in Tungabhadra Project may be paid at Rs.1-4-0 per day. I consider that he is reasonable that the wages of coolies should be raised so as to be on a par with the existing market rate.

In view of what has been stated above, I request that Government will be pleased to sanction payment of increased rate of wages to coolies and conservancy menials employed in the Tungabadra Project at Rs.19/- plus Rs.16 D.A. per mensem with effect from the date of order.

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For Director of Public Health, Madras.

Copy of letter R.No.71/47 dated 27-10-1947 from the Health Officer, Tungabhadra Project to this office.

Sub:- Malaria Coolies and Conservancy menials - Wages - Enchancement of - Requested.

In G.O.No.1556 P.H. dated 12-6-45, the Government have fixed the monthly rate of wages of malaria coolies and conservancy menials employed in the Tungabadhara Project Anti-malaria scheme as Rs.12/- plus Rs.16/- deadness allowance or at market rate which ever is less.

It has been considerably felt difficult to get suitable hands for work, as the market rate has gone high and due to demand for labour in Project Works, Sugar Factory etc. The wages paid in the Tungabhadra Project works for ordinary labour varies from Rs.1-4-0 to Rs.2/- per day and it is the minimum of Rs.1-2-6 at Venkatapuram and Re.1-5-0 per day at Adoni. So, no labourers are forthcoming to accept the job of malaria coolies. Even the coolies that are employed with

with great difficulty, are leaving the jobs and go away, complaining about the low wages paid to them. Very frequent change of coolies resulting as such, interferes with the efficiency and continuity of work, as certain amount of training and skill are required for anti malaria work.

The present coolies are told that the Director of Public Health, Madras would be addressed to enhance their wages and are working on the hope that their wages would be raised with retrospect effect.

I addressed the Collector, Bellary, for giving a certificate regarding the reasonableness of wages payable to malaria coolies and conservancy menials. The matter was referred to the Tahsildar, Hospet and the copies of replies L.Dis.2785/47-B6 dated 27-9-47 of the Tahsildar, Hospet and L.Dis.C.No.1180/47-B1 dated 21-10-47 of the Collector, Bellary, is furnished herewith.

It is stated that the rate of Rs.1-4-0 per day may be adopted and wages fixed at that rate to the malaria coolies and conservancy menials. In a month of 30 days, the collies and conservancy menials are engaged for 26 full working days and 4 sundays for 2 days. So the total number of days comes up 28 At the rate of Rs.1-4-0 per day, the monthly rate comes to Rs.35 per month. So the rate of wages may be fixed at Rs.35 /- p.m. (Rs.19 as pay and Rs.16 as dearness allowance permonth) The rate may be given effect from 1-4-1947.

I request that immediation action may kindly be taken to fix the rate at the earliest in view of the urgency of the matter to the malaria coolies and conservancy menials employed under G.O.No.1556 P.H. dated 12-6-45 continued in G.O.1989 P.H. dated 7-6-47 and under G.O.2847 P.H. dated 20-8-1947.

True copy

Copy of L.Dis.No.2785/47-B6 dated 27-9-47 of the Tahsildar, Hospet, to the Health Officer, Tungabhadra Project, Hospet.

Sub:- Malaria - Coolies and Conservancy Menials - Market rate - fixed report - Furnished.

Ref:- Your R.No.71/47 dated 16-9-47.

The minimum wage paid to an unskilled cooly in T.B.Project is reported to Rs.1-4-0 per day. This rate may be adopted in making payments to menials paid from contingencies as it is reasonable.

True Copy

Copy of L.Dis.C.No. 1180/47-B1, dated 21-10-47 of the Collector, Bellary to the Health Officer, Tungabhadra Project, Hospet.

Sub:- Wages -Hospet T.B. Project - Anti malaria shheme - wages of malaria coolies and conservancy menials - fixation orders passed.

Ref:- Your R.No.71/47 dated 6-10-47
Your R.No.71/47 dated 17-10-47.
Your D.O. dated 17-10-47
Hospet Tahsildar's L.Dis.2785/47 dat d 27-9-47.

I have already informed you in my L.Dis.7740/47-B1 dated 17-9-47 to adopt the rates furnished by the Tahsildar, Hospet in his Rc.No. 2785/47-B6 dated 11-9-47 addressed to you.

Now that the Tahsildar Hospet definitely finds Re1-4-0 to be reasonable (Vide his L Dis.2785/47-B6 dated 27-9-47 you adopt this rate for all payments to unskilled labour from contingencies.

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From
Rao Bahadur Dr.R.M.Mathew, D.P.H.,D.T.M & H., M.R.C.P.,
Director of Public Health,
MADRAS.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.
MADRAS

Sir,

R.No.53846-E Mal. 47 dated 23-2-1948.

Sub:- Anti Malarial operations - Tungabadra Project Payment of enhanced rate of wages to coolies.

Ref:- Govt. Memo.No.94849/47-2 E1 P.H. dated 21-1-48

The extra expenditure on account of increased rate of wages to coolies during the current year can be met from the savings in the budget estimate 1947-48 under 39 (c) P.H. Expenses in connection with Epidemic Disease - B - other Epidemics - Malaria - I - Ordinary areas - other charges."

K.S. Viswanathan,

for DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, MADRAS.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Abstract.

MALARIA - Tungabadra Project - Anti Malarial operations - Coolies and Conservancy menials - Wages - Enhancement - Orders issued.

Education and Public Health.

G.O.No.Ms.869 P.H. Dated 18-3-1948.

Read the following:-

From the Director of Public Health R.No.53846-3 Mal 47 dated 28-11-1947.

From the Director of Public Health R.No.53846-5 Mal 47 dated 26-1-1948.

From the Director of Public Health R.No.53846-7 Mal dated 23-2-1948.

ORDER

In the circumstances stated the Government sanction the payment to the coolies and conservancy menials of the Public Health Department employed in the Tungabadra Project area increased rate of wages at Rs.19/- plus Rs.16/- Dearness Allowance per mensem with effect from the date of issue of this order.

By Order of His Excellency the Governor

Sd X .
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Health, Madras.
To the Accountant General, Madras through Finance Department.
To the Chief Engineer.
To the Board of Revenue.
To the Public Works Department.
To the Finance Department.

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Superintendent,
Madras Record Office.

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